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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Tom Korologos, Deputy Assistant
to the President for Congressional Affairs

1. Yesterday evening at a Christmas party given by the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, I asked Mr. Korologos about the delay in the expected announcement regarding the DCI. In a jocular mood, he said this was all my fault--that after my "lecture" about the importance of checking with our Subcommittee Chairmen they decided the President himself should make the necessary phone calls and he had just not gotten around to it.

2. When Mr. Korologos brought up the matter of my retirement, I said Mr. Helms had asked me to stay on to the end of next year but I assumed a new Director might agree that I should leave earlier, and I would be prepared to check out at any time. Mr. Korologos said he had news for me--that the White House had its own plans regarding congressional liaison and intended to have a say regarding the appointment of all Executive officers in charge of congressional liaison for the various agencies. He said they had reviewed the list of these officers and there were going to be many changes, but "two or three" were going to be asked to remain and I was one of them. He said Bill Timmons (Counsel to the President for Congressional Relations) planned to call me about the matter in the near future. I said I was reasonably flexible and could adjust my remaining tenure in the Agency for a few months if anybody thought it was really important. Mr. Korologos said "to hell with that--we are talking about the next four years." He asked what it would take to keep me on. I said take the ceiling off the Executive Pay Schedule.

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